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Senate Executive Committee Request for Information

Intercampus Travel and University vehicles

Submitted by: Heidi Altman

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Question(s):

- 1) Is the university planning to purchase, or has it already purchased, new vehicles for the motor pool to provide a means for travel between campuses?
- 2) If these vehicles have been recently purchased where did the money for these purchases come from?
- 3) Does the university have a policy regarding car-pooling with university vehicles between campuses?
- 4) Are certain individuals or administrative units privileged over others with regard to the availability of university vehicles?
- 5) Is the university planning to develop a university supported means of travel between campuses (such as a bus or van service or a ride sharing system) that does not involve the unreimbursed use of personal vehicles?

Rationale:

The university owns and maintains a motor pool, in addition to departmentally purchased and maintained vehicles. Many chairs and administrators must commute twice or three times a week to the other campus. If they are unable to be reimbursed because of limited departmental travel budgets, they have effectively had a pay cut. If everyone who commutes drives individually it is an enormous waste of gasoline and resources. It is not possible for everyone who has to commute to individually drive a university vehicle. If the university were to develop a car pool policy or facilitate a ride share program among faculty/administrators, this would save individuals money out of pocket, as well as save the university resources dedicated to the motor pool. If the university were to develop a van or bus system between campuses, potentially even more resources could be saved

Response:

1. The university has not purchased any new vehicles to be placed into a pool. There are no current plans to purchase new vehicles to be placed into a pool.
2. N/A, see answer to #1.
3. No.
4. No.
5. The university has a task force looking into the development of a pooled vehicle system.

10/16/2018, Minutes:

e. RFI on Intercampus Travel

The RFI asked three questions. The answer to each was no. Robert Whitaker reviewed these questions. The first was whether the university will purchase new vehicles for a pool. The answer is no. There is no carpool policy, and he is unaware that anyone has seniority as it relates to use of vehicles. The university is considering developing a pool of vehicles for the university's intercampus travel. We have no plans to buy busses or vans.

